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BRITISH LABOR CHOOSES UNILATERAL NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT

In Scarborough, England, on October 4-5, the annual conference of the ritish Labor Party voted the adoption of a policy of unilateral nuclear disarma- ent and neutrality in the cold war. In the words of the Party's resolution, "The onference demands that the Government should press for an international agree- ent on complete disarmament and, in the meantime, demands the unilateral re- unciation of the testing, manufacture, stockpiling and basing of all nuclear eapons in Great Britain." This reso- ution was passed by a card vote rep- esenting 3.3 million Labor Party mem- ers in favor and 2.8 million opposed -- margin of nearly half a million.

In another resolution, the Scarbor- ugh conference called upon the Party o establish as its mandate, if elected o power, to reject "any defense policy ased on the threat of the use of stra- egic or tactical nuclear weapons" and o take similar steps that would imple- ent the policy outlined above. Two ther clauses of this resolution demand- d the admission of Communist China o the UN and the resumption of East- Vest disarmament negotiations.

To clinch the matter, the confer- nce established itself in a resolution s "the final authority" for formulating Party policy. Hugh Gaitskell, leader of he Parliamentary Labor Party, retorted hat he "will always be opposed to nilateral nuclear disarmament or neu- ralism," thus signaling a continuing truggle for leadership within the Party.

One of Gaitskell's thrusts is worth ondering. It would be "cowardly and ypocritical," he said, if Britain re- ected nuclear arms for herself but re- ied on those of the United States.

There is no clear indication that his is what the "neutralists" voted for -- to stand unarmed behind a shield of U.S. might. Indeed, if Labor came to power with these policies, Britain would be in a new role: no longer an outpost of empire but a bridge between the opposed camps. It is hard to imagine that either the U.S. or the USSR could ignore an invitation to disarmament from a great power that had already taken this step.

In the meantime, U.S. voters are confronted with a choice between two personalities who are essentially united on a "tory" foreign policy that has abundantly proved its bankruptcy. The differences between Kennedy and Nixon are, if anything, less than those between Gaitskell and Macmillan.

"Our Trust is For Humanity"

"...If in this Assembly and in the nations here represented, we will constantly remember that our trust is for humanity and that, indeed, the United Nations itself has no other reason for existence, we will more and more concentrate our efforts on providing economic and technical help for new nations to the very limit of our capacity; not because we want, to put it crudely, to buy them into our own ideas of things, not only because we really and passionately believe in independence and freedom, but also because we believe that our fellow human beings everywhere are entitled to decent conditions of life, and have enough sense to know that independence and freedom are mere words unless the ordinary people of free countries have a chance of a better life tomorrow."

Excerpt from a speech by UN delegate Robert G. Menzies of Australia before the General Assembly on Oct. 5.

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McCrackin to be Tried by Presbytery

The Rev. Maurice McCrackin, Cincinnati Presbyterian minister and FOR member goes on trial before a judicial commission of the Presbytery on Nov. 3. He is charged with having "opposed the civil lawful power, and the lawful exercise of it," through his refusal, on grounds of conscience, to pay federal income taxes. McCrackin has already been tried by a federal court, found guilty and served a sentence for this act, which is motivated by his conviction that he cannot help support the nation's war preparations by his taxes.

The question now is whether the United Presbyterian Church, as the *Christian Century* editorialized, "is an arm of the civil law, exacting a penalty beyond that exacted by civil law, or whether it will defend and embrace the servants of its Christ when their service brings them into conflict with civil powers." This should not be a hard decision, the *Century* observes, for "within the history of the church...there is a long line of precedents to which the presbytery may refer the case of a man who must obey God rather than men."

There is evidence of an unawareness of the broad implications of this trial for religious freedom among members of the Cincinnati presbytery. FOR members may wish to write their view to the presbytery in this matter before the trial occurs. Such communications should be addressed to: The Presbytery of Cincinnati, Rev. Stanley R. Boughton, Executive and Stated Clerk, 1323 Myrtle Avenue, Cincinnati 6, Ohio.

New Orleans Sit-Inners Arraigned; "Criminal Anarchy" Charged to One

Seven New Orleans, La., sit-in participants pleaded "not guilty" at their arraignment in criminal district court on Sept. 29 following their arrest last month. The attorney for the group, all members of a CORE team, stated that the defendants intend "to raise questions" concerning the constitutionality of the statute under which they are charged under both the constitutions of the State of Louisiana and the United States.

Also, Sydney L. Goldfinch, 21-year-old Tulane University graduate student was arrested in New Orleans on charges of "criminal anarchy" on Sept. 17 for his participation in and statements concerning a local lunch counter sit-in. "Criminal anarchy" refers to actions intended to initiate unlawful acts against the state. Conviction can mean a ten-year prison sentence. Goldfinch said the real charge against him was "that I, a white American, sat side-by-side with colored Americans who were seeking for equal service at McCrory's lunch counter. My crime has been that I have joined CORE to fight for the American dream for all Americans."

Meanwhile, over 200 hymn-singing Negroes staged a mass prayer meeting outside the New Orleans city jail last month, following the arrest of local CORE Field Secretary James T. McCain and two other CORE team members. The latter, who were arrested for picketing a local shopping center which practices discrimination in hiring, were denied permission to attend prison church services and the group was attempting to bring church to the jail. None of the hymn-singers were arrested despite a ban on demonstrations by the New Orleans Mayor.

A meteorological balloon with a "Ban the Bomb" slogan painted on its face floated over Dublin, Ireland, last month following its release by members of the Irish Pacifist Movement at a garden festival held in nearby Rathmines. IPM members are hoping that the 6-foot diameter balloon will travel as far as the U.S.

NEWS from the peace front

By a vote of 66-21 the U.S. Senate greed on Aug. 10 to join eleven other ations, including the Soviet Union, in pproving the Antarctica Treaty, which nsures that "Antarctica shall be used ermanently for peaceful purposes only." he Treaty prohibits all military operaons and nuclear explosions there and uarantees full and unrestricted inspecon of the facilities and installation of l nations in the area.

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In Paris last month sixty-seven promnent French teachers, teachers' union fficials, writers and journalists called r a negotiated peace in Algeria as the only possible solution" to the ix-year-old French-Algerian conflict. he appeal followed publication of a anifesto advocating the right of French outh to refuse military service in Alieria, which was signed by some 180 f the country's top intellectuals. Howver, the French Government forbade he latter, including such internationaly known figures as Francoise Sagan, ean-Paul Sartre, Simone Signoret, Simone de Beauvoir and others from appearing on the state-run radio, televison or in state-run theaters following heir support of the manifesto. The ban vas included in a decree issued by overnment officials aimed at strengthning measures against "those favoring efusal of military service or desertion."

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Officials of the Americus, Ga., School oard conceded in the Macon Federal istrict Court last month that they had efused to admit three white students o the Americus high school because he latter came from Koinonia Farm, a ocal Christian interracial community. uring the testimony, the board's suerintendent and three other members aid that if the children were allowed o attend the school they would probbly be "a source of trouble." The merican Civil Liberties Union called he board's action a "direct reprisal n the Koinonia community for its free xercise of religion and expression of pinion." The ACLU, which is defending Koinonia in the case, has asked the court for a mandatory injunction ordering the school to admit the children.

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Rep. Byron L. Johnson (D.-Col.), who is currently campaigning for reelection to Congress this year, told a 9-state North Central Methodist Conference meeting in Detroit, Mich., last month that churches should work for UN recognition of Red China.

"I like to think of the United Nations not as a peace-loving group of nations," said FOR member Johnson, "for obviously there are those who do not love peace who are in it. I like to think of it as a family of nations open for the prodigal son to return."

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FOR member Robert E. Hughes was transferred to the African Southern Rhodesia Conference last month following restoration of his ministerial credentials by the North Alabama Methodist Conference. Hughes, who asked for the transfer, had just previously been fired from his pastoral position owing to his refusal on grounds of conscience to turn over records of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, of which he is executive director, to a Bessemer, Ala., grand jury.

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Oklahoma Bishop Chilton Powell last month urged all Episcopalians in the state to endorse the Governor's Human Relations Committee appeal to open all restaurants to Negroes. "Free men of many races and nations," the Bishop declared, "hope to cheer for an American breakthrough toward freedom and redemptive action." He cited such creative efforts toward goodwill as integration in the state's colleges and universities, but warned that these "can be destroyed at the door of a restaurant, or by a sign in a cafeteria."

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Most Negroes participating in kneelins consider themselves "missionaries seeking to worship and to conciliate" and not "as using the churches for any selfish purpose," according to former

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FOR Southern Regional Secretary James M. Lawson Jr. speaking in Lake Junaluska, N.C., last month. Part of the aim of sit-ins, he said, "is to help create a decision by whites that change will come, even if it takes a generation." If such a road is not followed, he said, nothing more will happen for 100 years.

LIT NOTES

A small pamphlet of verse called *The Nonviolent Revolution and the American Peace Movement,* by Karl Meyer, is available at 3 cents a copy from the author, at St. Stephen's House, 164 W. Oak Street, Chicago 10, Ill. Its focus is a challenge to "bourgeois pacifism" to enter into the "hard fact" of nonviolent revolution.

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Copies of "Are You a Conscientious Objector to War?" are available free of charge from the Central Committee for Conscientious Objectors. Reprinted from CCCO *News Notes,* the one-page information sheet is helpful for prospective COs who wonder whether their views come within the provisions of the draft law. Write: CCCO, 2006 Walnut St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.

MISSING MEMBERS

Out of 48 "missing FOR members" listed in previous issues, twenty have been located so far and their latest addresses supplied by friends. More remain to be "found"; if you know the whereabouts, please inform the Membership Secretary, FOR, Box 271 Nyack, N. Y.

Here are the names, with last-known addresses where available:
Mead M. Bailey (New York, N.Y.); Pauline G. Baker (Pasadena, Calif.); Harold A. Baldwin (Farmingdale, L.I., N.Y.); John M. Baldwin (Bloomfield, N.J.); Sally Baldwin (George School, Pa.); Alan D. Ball (Chicago, Ill.); James Ball (Norway, Iowa); Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ball Jr. (Pikeville, Kentucky); Mrs. Mary A. Ballard; Bernard Barber (La Miranda, Calif.); Mrs. Isabel Barmore (New York, N.Y.).

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 23. Addresses on "Christian Faith and the Peace Ideal" and "What Can We Do About Disarmament" at the Disciples of Christ International Convention Dinner, Louisville, Ky. Speaker: Dr. John M. Swomley Jr. Write: Robert Fangmeier, 222 S. Downey Ave., Indianapolis 7, Ind.

Nov. 5. Minnesota FOR Conference. Speaker: John M. Swomley Jr. Write: Arthur Sternberg, 1563 Fairmount, St. Paul 5, Minn.

Nov. 18-20. AFSC weekend institute at the Hudson Guild Farm, Netcong, N.J. Speakers: David Dellinger, Robert Gilmore, James M. Lawson Jr., A.J. Muste and others. Write: 237 Third Ave., New York 3, N. Y.

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